



## 2004-05 SARC Data Definitions and Template Approved by State Board of Education

**A**t its May 2005 meeting, the State Board of Education (SBE) approved the 2004-05 School Accountability Report Card (SARC) template and associated data definitions for SARCs published in the 2005-06 school year.

The 2004-05 template changes include the following:

1. The references to years throughout the 2004-05 SARC template have been modified to reflect the reporting of more recent data. For example, data previously collected and reported from 2003-04 will be replaced by data collected and reported from 2004-05.
2. All sections of the template have been renumbered to reflect the use of the "General Information" title for the first section that includes the long-standing elements related to "Contact Information" (title added), "School Description and Mission Statement," and "Opportunities for Parental Involvement."

3. Brief statements have been provided below the title of several template sections that previously lacked such descriptions. In addition, there have been numerous, minor editorial changes made throughout the template to improve clarity and readability.

The following table is new:

- *School Facility Conditions – Results of Inspection and Evaluation:* This new table has been developed to provide a format for reporting the results of the school site inspection required by the *Williams* case settlement.

The following tables have been substantially revised:

- *Teacher Misassignments:* The narrative and format for this table have been revised to provide for the reporting of current year data, if available, as required by the *Williams* case settlement.

- *Vacant Teacher Positions*: The narrative and format for this table have been revised to provide for the reporting of current year data, if available, as required by the *Williams* case settlement.
- *Quality and Currency of Standards-Aligned Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials*: The narrative and format for this table have been revised to provide for the reporting of these data in a manner that is similar to the reporting of the availability of sufficient textbook and other instructional materials data as required by the *Williams* case settlement.
- *SAT Reasoning Test*: The title, narrative, and format for this table have been revised to conform to the new name for this assessment and to provide for the reporting of average writing scores that will be available beginning in 2005.

The 2004-05 data definition changes include the following:

1. References to years throughout the 2004-05 SARC data definitions have been modified to reflect the reporting of more recent data. For example, data previously collected and reported from 2003-04 will be replaced by data collected and reported from 2004-05. There have also been numerous, minor editorial changes made throughout the data definitions to improve clarity and readability.
2. The data definitions that support the reporting elements contained in the SARC template have been reorganized so that each data definition is aligned with a particular table in the template. As a result, numerous data definitions that previously supported a single table have been merged into a single definition. In some instances, a data definition has been added to ensure that each table has its own definition. In addition, the definitions have been reordered to coincide with the order of the tables in the template.

The [2004-05 SARC template](#) ("blank" version in Word without data) and the [2004-05 data definitions](#) will be available on the SARC Web site by early July 2005.

### **SARC Presentation Delivered at Statewide Title I Conference**

On May 26, 2005, a SARC presentation was delivered by California Department of Education staff at the annual No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Statewide Title I Conference held in Anaheim, California. The conference, subtitled *Building Capacity for Excellence*, is designed to provide assistance to public, private, and charter schools and to service providers to strengthen the implementation of NCLB Title I programs in California. The conference also spotlights outstanding Title I schools. The [Overview of the SARC](#) PowerPoint slides used in delivering the SARC presentation at this conference can be viewed on the SARC Web site.

**SARC Question of the Month**

The following is the “SARC Question of the Month” along with its answer:

**Q.** How old is the SARC?

**A.** The SARC is 16+ years old, as it was first mandated when the California voters passed Proposition 98 on the November 1988 statewide general election ballot.

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